

## PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 3 Apr 67 4/0230Z	2. LOCATION <del>Springfield</del> Dayton, Ohio 1
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION Astro (VENUS) ✓ <i>jnt</i> Venus setting at approximately 2145 (L.)
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION None Stated	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS SEE CASE FILE
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground Visual	
7. COURSE None Stated	
8. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	

Springfield, Ohio

3 Apr 67

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Dear [REDACTED]

Reference your letter regarding your observation of an unidentified flying object (UFO).

A detailed investigation revealed that you probably observed the planet Venus which, at the time of the sighting, was low in the western sky. Venus, with a stellar magnitude of -3.5 on April 3, 1967, would have been the brightest astronomical body in the western sky.

We had no additional reports from your area on the night of April 3, 1967; however, for the past month and a half, Venus has been responsible for numerous UFO observations.

Thank you for reporting your observation to the Air Force.

Sincerely,

GEORGE P. FREEMAN, JR.  
Lt Colonel, USAF  
Chief, Civil Branch  
Community Relations Division  
Office of Information

[REDACTED]  
Wittenberg University  
Springfield, Ohio 45501

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Astro (Venus)

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Proposed reply to letter from [REDACTED], 4 April 1967

3 Apr 67

Wright, Ohio

4/0230Z

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(Venus) setting approximately 2140 L

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Wittenberg University  
Springfield, Ohio  
45501

April 4, 1967

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Major Hector Quintanella  
Project Blue Book  
Foreign Technology Division  
Wright-Patterson A.F.B.  
Dayton, Ohio

Dear Sir:

Last night (April 3, 1967) at about 9:30 P.M., e.st., I noticed a very brilliant light which I estimate to have been west-northwest of Springfield, Ohio. Because of its position in relation to the horizon I thought that it might have been an airplane with landing lights on. I watched for about four minutes, but the light never moved. I then assumed



...  
 that it could be the planet Venus,  
 since it is unusually bright  
 at times.

I went outside to look at it  
 to make sure that it was not a  
 reflection on the window and it  
 was still there.

At about 9:55 P.M. I went  
 to the window to see if it had  
 moved as does a regular star,  
 but apparently it had moved  
 so far as to be completely gone  
 in relation to the rest of the  
 stars in the sky. I checked  
 periodically until about 12:30  
 A.M., but I never saw it again.

I am not saying that it  
 might have been a so-called  
 U.F.O., but it did seem strange  
 to me and I would appreciate  
 it if you could possibly give

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Some sort of an explanation. I would also like to know if anyone else in the area might have seen it so that I would know whether I saw something real or not.

My address is:

[REDACTED]

Wittenberg University  
Springfield, Ohio 45501

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]